



# Slovenian Catholic Center



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Would you like to make a donation to the SCC fundraising efforts? If so, please email us at

[secretary@  
slovenian-  
center.org](mailto:secretary@slovenian-center.org).

**Thank you!**

## The Slovenian Catholic Center will be hosting its **ANNUAL PICNIC on Sunday, August 9, 2015**

at St. Mary's in Lemont!

Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. at the grotto, weather permitting.

After mass, we will be serving a delicious BBQ lunch with your choice of pork, lamb or chicken! We will also be serving čevapčići and klobase.

All bakery donations will be greatly appreciated.

## **\$10,000 Grand Prize Raffle will be held at 5:00 p.m.**

*There will be numerous activities after lunch such as: children's games, raffles, volleyball, bags and music for your dancing pleasure by*

## **ANSAMBEL VESELJAKI!**

Slovenski Kulturni Center vas vse lepo vabi na letni piknik in romanje, ki bo **9 augusta**. Pričeli bomo z mašo ob 11:00 uri dopoldne pri votlini.

Po maši bomo na hribu servirali odlično kosilo. Prašički, jagnje in piščanci na ražnju z okusno pripravljenimi solatami. Pozneje popoldne vas bomo postregli s čevapčići na žaru in s prikuhami.

Naprošamo vas da prinesete pecivo, da se bomo znjim posladkali ob kavi!

Nato se lahko sprostite in uživate v prijetni družbi svojih prijateljev in znancev, ob dobri pijači in zabavi, ki bo za vse ljudi vseh starosti. Igre za otroke in odrasle!

**We would like to remind everyone that outside food and beverages (including coolers) are prohibited at all picnics on the grounds of St. Mary's. Please also refrain from bringing pets on the grounds. It is the responsibility of all guests to protect and preserve the grounds and respect the policies of the Franciscan Fathers.**





## S U S SLOVENSKO VERSKO SREDIŠČE SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC MISSION

### Pilgrimage days in Lemont for Slovenian organizations are as follows:

July 19 – **Slovenian Union of America** (Slovenian Women's Union)

Mass will be held in the church with devotions to Mary immediately following.

July 26 – **St. Anne Society KSKJ #170**

Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary immediately following.

August 9 – **Slovenian Catholic Center**

Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary immediately following.

August 30 – **Honey Picnic** — Fundraising pilgrimage and picnic of the Franciscan Monastery.

Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary immediately following. Dinner will be served at the picnic area. Homemade bakery will be for sale. Bakery and other donations are greatly appreciated. The raffle will be drawn at 4:00pm.

September 5 – 7

**Baraga Days** Pilgrimage in Cleveland, OH.

September 12 – **Volunteers/Altar Servers/Slovenska Šola Picnic**

End of the summer picnic for the volunteers, altar servers and Slomškova šola. Parents, grandparents, and future students are welcome to attend!

**Anton Martin Slomšek is a patron saint of the Slovenian Catholic Mission.**

We will celebrate his feast day on **Sunday, September 27.**



### **BARAGA DAYS!!**

...September 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Baraga Days is earlier than in years past this year so we need to have our commitments in for the hotel in July. We are asking people to get their money in by the end of June. You can send your money to the attention of the Baraga Association to SCC's address or give it to one of the officers of the BBA. Please call John Vidmar (708-204-8412), Ana Hozjan (779-205-3143) or Mike Vidmar (815-729-9648) for more information ASAP.

### SCC UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Sunday, July 19 <sup>th</sup>  | <i>Slovenian Women's Union Annual Picnic</i>          |
| Sunday, July 26 <sup>th</sup>  | <i>St. Ann's Lodge #170 Annual Picnic</i>             |
| Sunday, Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>    | <i>SCC Annual Picnic &amp; Raffle</i>                 |
| Sunday, Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>   | <i>Honey Picnic</i>                                   |
| Saturday, Sep 12 <sup>th</sup> | <i>School, Altar Servers &amp; Volunteer's Picnic</i> |
| Sunday, Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>   | <i>Monthly Dinner</i>                                 |
|                                | <i>St. Ann's Lodge #170 KSKJ Matching Funds</i>       |
| Sunday, Sep 20 <sup>th</sup>   | <i>Vrtna Veselica / Garden Party</i>                  |
| Sunday, Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>   | <i>Monthly Dinner</i>                                 |
| Saturday, Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> | <i>Korotan Concert &amp; Zbor Špendov Dance</i>       |

- ✓ The Slovenian Catholic Center will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary in November! Stay tuned for additional details about the celebration!
- ✓ Please remember to join us for our Family Mass and Monthly Dinner every Second Sunday of the month from September to May.
- ✓ DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE SCC RAFFLE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH!



## ANNUAL RAFFLE

The SCC Annual RAFFLE will be held at our annual picnic on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. **The raffle is our main source of income and we encourage everyone to purchase a ticket** from your seller or by contacting the Slovenian Catholic Center at 630-243-0670 or by email to [secretary@slovenian-center.org](mailto:secretary@slovenian-center.org).

**Grand \$10,000 Prize**

Plus 27 additional prizes in values of

**\$1000 - \$500 - \$100**

Raffle ticket donation = \$50

Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.slovenian-center.org](http://www.slovenian-center.org)

### Entry Form for Raffle 2015 ~ August 9, 2015 \$10,000 Grand Prize plus 27 additional prizes

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Ticket donation = \$50.00**

Remit to: Slovenian Catholic Center, PO Box 634, Lemont, IL 60439

Your official ticket will be mailed to you upon receipt of payment and completed form.

Last mail pickup **August 7, 2015!**



## WE HAVE A NEW PLAYGROUND!

Our new playground is officially installed and ready for fun! Seeing the creation of this project come into being was incredible; many people within our community pulled together to create a wonderful playground for our children to enjoy for years to come. The project involved a lot of work from inception to completion including hundreds of nuts, bolts and screws, lots of dirt and yards and yards of mulch being moved around. The playground gives our children a fun, safe play area, and, once again, brought the people of our community together to successfully complete another project for the Slovenian community in Lemont to be proud of.



We are extremely grateful to everyone who was a part of this huge success. Thank you to everyone that participated in the project from planning, coordinating, fundraising, donating, building, digging, shoveling, wheel barreling, providing food and drinks and EVERYTHING ELSE. Seeing the excitement and smiles on the children's faces as Fr. Metod blessed the new playground on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> was heartwarming and proved all the hard work and efforts was worth it!

## HVALA LEPA!



*Gospodična 2015 is **Laura Remec**, daughter of Greg & Lynda Remec.*

*She has been an integral part of our community, attending Slomšek Slovenian School from first grade through High School; a member of the Folklore Dance Group; a volunteer server at many of our dinner celebrations – and she continues to help serve; she has participated in many of our cultural programs and has also volunteered her time to help out at the annual picnic. We look forward to her continued involvement in our Slovenian community. Congratulations to Laura, her parents and her siblings – Claire, Kristina, and Eleanor! Iskrene čestitke!!!*



**St. Anne's KSKJ Lodge #170** will hold their annual Picnic on July 26, 2015 beginning with outdoor Mass at 11am followed by food, drink, music and fun "up on the hill". On September 13, 2015, St Ann's #170 and St. Stephen's #1 will be supporting the Dupage Easter Seals with a Matching Funds Luncheon at the Slovenian Cultural Center. Please join us to help this event be a great success for the deserving children and able providers at the Easter Seals.





## SCC 20th ANNIVERSARY NEWS...

### ANNIVERSARY PLANS / NEWS

The **Slovenian Cultural/Catholic Center** will be celebrating its **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** this year. As a Slovenian Community, we have much to celebrate! Our Center has allowed Slovenians, and Slovenian Organizations, to gather together in one place – over the years we have met with many friends and cultivated new friendships. We've welcomed guests from all over the world. We've celebrated new life, birthdays, communions, weddings, and gathered to mourn those we have lost.

We invite you to celebrate with us on **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** with a dinner dance featuring **Gospodična 2015, Laura Remec**, and a short program. We'll continue the celebration on **Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** with Holy Mass at 11:00 am, followed by lunch and a short program. We'll have a few special guests in attendance, the **Archbishop of Chicago, Most Reverend Blase J Cupich**; the **Provincial of the Vicariate of Slovenia, Fr. Marjan Čuden**; the **Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the United States, His Excellency Dr. Božo Cerar**. Mark your calendars, it won't be a celebration without you!!

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The Slovenian Catholic Center and the Slovenian Catholic Mission are doing a pictorial photo album to draw our families together and to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the SCC.



There is no sitting fee for your family. Families will be photographed and will have the opportunity to immediately view the proofs to select the desired pose for the directory and any other portraits they wish to purchase. Everyone that participates will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a copy of the photo album / directory.

Photo sessions will be available from Monday, August 3rd through Saturday, August 8th. Families will be able to sign-up for their photo session beginning on Sunday, July 12th at the Center after Mass. An online link for signing-up will also be available starting Monday, July 13th at <http://bit.ly/1eHCNib> (link is case sensitive). Appointments can also be made by calling 877-764-4535 and telling them you are calling to schedule for "Slovenian Catholic Church".



If you are unable to make it to a photo session, you are able to submit your own photo. Please send to the SCC (mail or email ([secretary@slovenian-center.org](mailto:secretary@slovenian-center.org)) by

August 1st with a fee of \$7 and a copyright release (to be provided on request) allowing us to use your picture. Photos for the family section need to be oriented vertically (portrait not landscape). Hard copies should be no smaller than 2x3 and no larger than 5x7 and digital images should be of at least a medium resolution. (Low res files will not show well when placed.) Please do not provide unique or treasured photos as we can not guarantee their return.

**We hope everyone will participate – our photo album won't be complete without you!**

### FOTOGRAFIRANJE ZA 'PICTORIAL DIRECTORY'

bo potekalo v Slovenskem kulturnem domu od ponedeljka, 3. avgusta, do sobote, 8. avgusta. Čez teden so termini od 2:15 popoldne do 9:10 zvečer, v soboto pa od 9:00 dopoldne do 4:00 popoldne. 8x10 portret boste dobili zastonj, ostalo pa plačate ob fotografiranju.

Če ne morete priti v Lemont - prosimo, če nam lahko pošljete fotografijo (v versko središče ali v dom), ki jo opremitve z imenom (imeni) in priimkom ter telefonsko številko na katero vas lahko pokličemo z vprašanji. Fotografijo lahko pošljete tudi v elektronski obliki - po e-mailu. Cena za poslano fotografijo je \$7.00.

### FOTOGRAFIRANJE DRUŽIN

Nazadnje smo imeli v Lemontu fotografiranje družin leta 2004, ob deseti obletnici Slovenskega verskega središča. Po daljšem času bo letos spet priložnost za to, da se naša velika družina poveže tudi s skupnim albumom članov skupnosti. Fotografiranje bo tudi priložnost za to, da boste imeli doma kakšno lepo fotografijo vas samih in vaše družine.

### PRIJAVA ZA FOTOGRAFIRANJE

V cerkvi po maši ali v kulturnem domu se lahko prijavite za termin na drugo, tretjo in četrto nedeljo v juliju. Po telefonu na številki 877-764-4535 se lahko prijavite po 12. juliju.

## Vrtna Veselica / Garden Party

Please join us for a Vrtna Veselica / Garden Party on **Sunday, September 20 in the parking lot of the Slovenian Cultural Center!**

We will be featuring music by Ansambel Veseljaki for your dancing pleasure.

Available for purchase will be a variety of food and refreshments!

There will be a \$10 entrance fee (for adults over the age of 18) for this event.

Additional information will be published as the event day approaches.

**Please plan on joining us for this wonderful afternoon out on Sunday, September 20, 2015.**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SLOMŠEK SLOVENIAN SCHOOL?

Slomšek Slovenian School was very busy during its last three months. We started celebrating the Easter Holidays by making the traditional Slovenian butarice on March 21, 2015. The children also helped with the traditional Easter egg coloring in the kitchen where Mojca Anaya and her team of dedicated helpers colored over 750 eggs for the Palm Sunday luncheon. They had a lot of fun as you can tell by the fun pictures.



On April 11, 2015, our special guest, Michelle (Haklin) Ryan came back to the school and taught the children how she painted the portrait of Anton Martin Slomšek (on display at St. Mary's church). As you can tell by the picture, everyone really enjoyed replicating the large Slomšek portrait on smaller, but real canvases. Creative interpretations left Michelle with an amazing impression we all share: "These children are awesome!"



The biggest event of the school is always the Mother's Day Luncheon which took place on May 10, 2015. The children practiced very hard for this event – in the picture they are singing under the guidance of our dedicated teacher of many, many years, Nandi Puc. The luncheon was coordinated by board member Sylvia Buh and the cooking was spearheaded by Robert Hozjan. The celebration this year also included a first of a kind fundraising event of the school: the silent auction to collect funds for the renovation of the playground on the picnic grounds. The silent auction offered over 65 items and was a huge success as the generous donations of the entire community helped us collect over \$8,000 that day! Thank you everyone who participated by contributing or purchasing the exciting items, which hopefully you are already enjoying or will do so shortly. The silent auction was initiated and coordinated by Urša Magajne and the presentation and sale were led by Larissa Magajne, but there were so many other people who helped! It truly was an amazing community effort showing how much we can achieve together. Hvala lepa vsem skupaj! The playground was opened for public and blessed by pater Metod Ogorevc on June 14, 2015, so come and enjoy!

Please join us at the Slomšek Slovenian School tent at the 2015 SCC Annual Picnic on August 9, 2015 at 1:00 pm. All children will be able to make ornaments with traditional Slovenian beeswax and observe a presentational bee hive, one of the great Slovenian traditions. Also, young families are cordially invited to join us at the picnic of the Slomšek Slovenian School and Altar Servers on September 12, 2015.

The school will start again on October 3, 2015. In the meantime, you can follow its activities at our website [www.slovenianschool.info](http://www.slovenianschool.info) and our billboard in the hall of the Slovenian Catholic Center. Also, let us know if you have any new ideas for the school. We are always excited to host new guests and would love to show our inquisitive students other Slovenian traditions.



### *News from the Chicago Slovenian Consulate Office:*

Jure Zmauc' term ends at the end of June and the new general counsel has not been officially named but they do expect that person to be in office by October.

In the interim, please continue to ask John Vidmar for assistance. The Embassy in Washington will handle matters which we can not handle locally. The secretary in the Cleveland Office will run that office under the direction of the Embassy until the new General Counsel arrives in October.



## SLOVENIAN SPORTS CLUB — ŠPORTNI KLUB

The SSK hopes you are having a fun summer and were able to attend one of our events! The winners will be announced in the next newsletter, so stay tuned!

We always welcome newcomers of all ages to our events. The more the merrier! So if you've never attended one, or haven't been to one in a while, come join us. Don't be shy. Come introduce yourself and join in the fun. Our events are equally fun for participants and spectators!

**Annual Golf Outing** – The Canada vs. US - Ryder Cup Grudge Match was held Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at Prairie Bluff in Lockport. If you are interested in playing next year, please contact Stan Kastelic for more information. It is a scramble format, which means that players of all levels are welcome! Thanks Stan! [skastelic2003@yahoo.com](mailto:skastelic2003@yahoo.com)

**24th Annual Softball Tournament** – June 27 & 28 – Co-ed Softball Tournament & Music Festival – We're always looking for more players, so come on out next year! Even if you don't play, come out to socialize, play bocce ball, enjoy the new playground, play volleyball, and take in the beauty of the grounds of St. Mary's. Thank you once again to all those that came out to support our Sports Klub, and especially to all those that donated homemade salads and desserts!



**SSK Soccer** – A new event was held this year June 27 & 28! A high school age and older 7 vs. 7 soccer tournament. Four teams competed: Chicago SSK team, Toronto Slovenian Team, Ukrainian Wings Soccer Club, and Das Boot Soccer Team. Thank you to Joey and Mike Vidmar for organizing and to Mt. Assisi for allowing us to use their fields!

Other events planned for 2015:

Annual Slovenian Canadian/American Softball Tournament  
at the Slovensko Letovišče in Canada. August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bags and Volleyball Tournaments – Cultural Center Picnic, August 9<sup>th</sup>

Honey Picnic / Youth Sports Weekend – Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Bags and Texas Hold 'Em Tournaments – October TBD



If you would like more information about these events or would like to be added to our email list, please send an email to [sloveniansportsklub@gmail.com](mailto:sloveniansportsklub@gmail.com) or access our [Facebook](#) page. Search under Chicago Slovenian Sports Klub.



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, October 17, 2015**

**Zbor Spendov** is proud to host the  
**Slovenski Pevski Zbor Korotan** from Cleveland  
for a choir performance and dance.  
Tickets will be \$10 in advance.  
More details to come in the next newsletter.

## Slovenian Union of America, Slovenska Zveza v Ameriki,

will be hosting their annual picnic on Sunday,  
July 19, 2015. The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. with mass and an afternoon filled with  
food, games and fun. Please come out and join us!



## Upcoming Events

- JUL 19 Slovenian Women's Union Annual Picnic
- JUL 26 St. Ann's Lodge #170 Annual Picnic
- AUG 9 SCC Annual Picnic & Raffle
- AUG 30 Honey Picnic
- SEP 5-7 Baraga Days in Cleveland
- SEP 12 Slovenska Šola/Altar Servers Picnic
- SEP 13 Monthly Dinner – St. Ann's Lodge #170 KSKJ Matching Funds
- SEP 20 Vrtna Veselica / Garden Party
- OCT 11 Monthly Dinner
- OCT 17 Zbor Koroton Concert & Dance
- NOV 8 SCC 20th Anniversary Celebration

**Our MONTHLY DINNERS will begin on Sunday, September 13, 2015 and are held the second Sunday of each month from September through May.**

**Everyone is welcome and reservations are not required.**